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C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 0919

E. O. 11652 GDS

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1. DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF FOREIGN MINISTER AND OLDENBURG, WHO LEFT TODAY FOR LONDON, I TOOK UP QUESTION OF NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP WITH THORNING- PETERSEN, MFA DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR UN AND ASIAN AFFAIRS. I REVIEWED POINTS SET FORTH IN REFTELS AND LEFT WITH HIM AN INFORMAL NON- PAPER BASED ON SAME MATERIAL FOR MFA CONSIDERATION.

2. THORNING- PETERSEN CALLED ATTENTION TO DENMARK' S WELL- KNOWN VIEWS ON UNIVERSALITY OF MEMBERSHIP IN UN ORGANS AND DESIRABILITY OF KEEPING POLITICAL ISSUES OUT OF TECHNICAL AGENCIES SUCH AS WHO. HE APPEARED TO RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT ADMISSION OF DPRK TO UN BODIES WAS ESSENTIALLY A POLITICAL ISSUE, WHICH MIGHT  
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BETTER BE HANDLED IN ONE OF UN' S POLITICAL ORGANS.

3. ALTHOUGH THORNING- PETERSEN WAS NOT ENTIRELY NEGATIVE TOWARD US ARGUMENTATION ABOUT POSTPONING VOTE ON NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP, HE MENTIONED THAT VOTE WOULD PROBABLY COME UP WHILE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER WAS IN PEKING. THIS, HE BELIVED, MIGHT CAUSE ADDITIONAL COMPLICATIONS EVEN IF DANES WERE OTHERWISE PREPARED TO SUPPORT OR ABSTAIN ON MOTION TO POSTPONE.

4. POSSIBLE STRAW IN THE WIND WITH REFERENCE TO FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN' S OWN ATTITUDE ON THIS ISSUE MAY BE FOUND IN SPEECH HE GAVE TO YOUNG SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ON MAY 1. MINISTER REPORTEDLY SAID THAT DENMARK WILL VERY SHORTLY APPROACH GOVERNMENT OF NORTH KOREA CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.  
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